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SENATOR MURPHY: Heavens to betsy no!

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Mahoney, the motion to bracket?

SENATOR MAHONEY: I speak against the motion to bracket. Mr. President, I think that Senator Marsh is wrong here as far as emotions being carried away or going wild. I think that we've debated this in a very calm manner. I believe that if Senator Marsh had this particular river problem going through her district she would come to this Legislature and ask for the same relief. I'm sure Senator Mahoney and Senator Cavanaugh would lead the charge of the light brigade and help her be the little Dutch boy that helps plug the leak. I don't know if Senator Cavanaugh will agree on that, but at least Senator Mahoney would be there. I say to you, and I will stay to the topic, Mr. President. It's most necessary that we decide this today. The Governor's been out there last week. He has made his inspections. I can remember seeing him on our local tv's and the wind was blowing through his hair. He had made several statements that there was a crisis and that Lake McConaughy was the place where they had this great area that they had certain types of cement blockaids that they could bring in and plug the dike. He was going to get about it and get it done. Senator Marsh I don't know how many more inspections, how many more Burle Johnson's, how many more Adjutant General's who wish to be full General's, who are not engineers are necessary. But I have on my desk a letter and a report from the U.S. Corps of Engineers. This is the highest authority in this state that knows the facts, whom I trust, and whom I believe would have the proper knowledge to say that this particular dike is necessary now. Senator Marsh would you join with me in the area South, a mile and a half, and go down into the basements and go into the bedrooms and clean the rugs, and take care of all of the problems that are going to take place here if this is flooded? Senator Cavanaugh and I . . .

PRESIDENT: Do you want to respond Senator Marsh?

SENATOR MAHONEY: Senator Cavanaugh and I will provide you the service and bring you down there. We'll have to have many mops. Many thousands of dollars worth of insurance are going to be paid out in respect to this problem that could take place next week, or it could take place over the weekend. These dikes, when they get down close to the Missouri River, if the bank starts crumbling in. It's a little different down on the Eastern end of the state to my brethren from the Western part. We ask an appeal for your help. The bank goes in suddenly by just the footsteps of the bearer of the footsteps alongside of the very narrow dike that's there now. We need this help now. We need the decision made here. I'm sure that even Senator Chambers would join with us and say that the decision should be taken now, rather than wait for any further inspections from the Governors office or from the Adjutant General's office.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.